

## **WI Balance of State's 10 Year Plan & the Federal Strategic Plan**

The United States Interagency Council (USICH) is an independent agency within the federal executive branch. It consists of 19 federal Cabinet secretaries and agency heads. The most recent reauthorization of USICH occurred in 2009 with the enactment of the HEARTH Act.

The mission of the USICH is to coordinate the federal response to homelessness and to create a national partnership at every level of government and with the private sector to reduce and end homelessness in the nation while maximizing the effectiveness of the Federal Government in contributing to the end of homelessness.

The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness (2010) was created by USICH. The plan, called Opening Doors, outlined an interagency collaboration that aligns mainstream housing, health, education, and human services to prevent Americans from experiencing homelessness. It focused on four key goals:

- End chronic homeless in five years;
- Prevent and end homelessness among Veterans in five years;
- Prevent and end homeless for families, youth, and children in ten years; and
- Set a path to end all types of homelessness.

The Plan includes ten objectives and fifty-two strategies.

The Wisconsin Balance of State's 10 Year Plan is modeled after and developed in accordance with the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness (2010) and Amendment (2012) created by the USICH.

USICH website is: [www.usich.gov](http://www.usich.gov)

Fact Sheet about the agency:

[http://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset\\_library/USICH\\_FactSheet2012.pdf](http://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset_library/USICH_FactSheet2012.pdf)

Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness (2010)

[http://www.usich.gov/opening\\_doors/](http://www.usich.gov/opening_doors/)

Annual Update 2011:

[http://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset\\_library/AnnualUpdate2011.pdf](http://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset_library/AnnualUpdate2011.pdf)

Annual Update 2012: [http://www.usich.gov/opening\\_doors/annual\\_update\\_2012/](http://www.usich.gov/opening_doors/annual_update_2012/)

Amendment 2012: [http://www.usich.gov/opening\\_doors/amendment\\_2012/](http://www.usich.gov/opening_doors/amendment_2012/)